

IDAHO COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MINUTES FOR APRIL 8-9, 2004 MEETING

<p style="text-align: center;">Full Council Meeting April 8, 2004, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. April 9, 2004, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Location: Red Lion Downtowner Hotel</p>	
Call to Order	Liz Ricciardi called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. on April 8, 2004.
Lunch and Presentation by Michael Graham, Administrator, Vocational Rehabilitation	Maggie Blackstead introduced Michael Graham, the new Administrator for Vocational Rehabilitation. Dr. Graham shared his goals and plans for the future, new projects and challenges for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. A question and answer session followed.
Welcome, Opening Statements, Introductions, Announcements and Perfection of Agenda	1:35 pm – Liz Ricciardi stated that Chair elections will be held on Friday, April 9. There is a form that needs to be completed if you want to run or want to nominate someone. Everyone is being asked to complete a Council self-evaluation form. Please turn in your completed form by the end of the Council meeting. There were no changes to the agenda.
Roll Call	<p><u>Council members present:</u> Mike Smith, Tygh Hales, Jim Baugh, Bob Jackson, Donna Denney, Kristyn Herbert, Alice Florence, Liz Ricciardi, Maggie Blackstead, Paige Fincher, Julie Fodor, Rick Betzer, Ken Deibert and Wendall Cass</p> <p><u>Members absent:</u> Theresa Wilding, Jill Smith, Jana Jones, Roger Shanahan, Ed Wimmer, Wendy Shelman.</p> <p><u>Staff members present:</u> Marilyn Sword, Ron Enright, Tracy Warren, Christine Pisani, Pam Stanley and Judy Wauer.</p> <p><u>Visitors/Facilitators:</u> Mike Holden, McKala Garza</p>
Planning in Project Teams	The Council members broke into project planning teams to discuss education, employment, community supports, quality assurance, transportation, recreation and housing
Recess and dinner	<p>The meeting was recessed at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>The meeting reconvened for a working dinner at 6:00 pm and then recessed for the evening at 8:00 p.m.</p>

Call to Order –Friday, April 9, 2004 Announcements	<p>Liz Ricciardi called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. on Friday, April 9, 2004. Announcements: Election of Chair will be held today. Please return the Council self-evaluation form by the end of the meeting today. Liz introduced Paige Fincher representing Health and Welfare, Maternal and Child Health, formerly Brett Harrell's Council position.</p>
Roll Call	<p><u>Council members present:</u> Donna Denney, Jim Baugh, Bob Jackson, Liz Ricciardi, Maggie Blackstead, Alice Florence, Rick Betzer, Tygh Hales, Wendall Cass, Mike Smith, Kristyn Herbert, Paige Fincher <u>Members absent:</u> Theresa Wilding, Roger Shanahan, Jill Smith, Jana Jones, Ken Deibert, Julie Fodor, Ed Wimmer and Wendy Shelman. <u>Staff members present:</u> Marilyn Sword, Ron Enright, Tracy Warren, Christine Pisani, Pam Stanley and Judy Wauer. <u>Visitors/Facilitators:</u> Mike Holden, McKala Garza</p>
Approve January 29, 2004 Minutes	<p>The minutes of the January 29, 2004, Council meeting were approved as presented.</p>
Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair's Report • Director's Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Chair's Report</u> – Theresa Wilding was absent due to illness so no report was presented. • <u>Director's Report</u> – Marilyn Sword presented her written report with highlights of staff activity since the January meeting. Specific items addressed included that the ISSH committee needs a Council representative. The Council has been reimbursing personal care support staff at \$8.12 an hour, while agencies are currently charging \$9.00 - \$15.00/hr. The policy states, "Reimbursement shall be for reasonable actual costs, using current Idaho Department of Health and Welfare personal care service or attendant care wage and hour rates as a guide." We will be reviewing reimbursement requests based on actual costs. Please let Marilyn know if you have any questions or comments regarding her report.
Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Executive Committee Report 	<p><u>Executive Committee Report</u> – Liz Ricciardi reported that Karen Caffrey withdrew her conference request due to a family emergency. The Committee discussed a Council retreat. No decision has been made yet, but they would like input from Council members. The</p>

	performance evaluation of the Executive Director was postponed due to Theresa Wilding's absence. The
Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee Report • Membership Committee Report • Consumer Leadership Report • Public Policy Committee Report 	<p>Council will be looking at partnering with University of Idaho to coordinate the Partners in Policymaking program.</p> <p><u>Membership Committee Report</u> – Liz Ricciardi reported that the committee reviewed Council applications. There are some that need follow up because responses on the application were unclear. There will be a conference call on April 19 for follow up discussion. Facilitation training was also discussed and Emily Curtis will be contacted.</p> <p><u>Consumer Leadership Report</u> – Alice Florence reported that the committee discussed and reviewed the support handout that was distributed to them prior to the Council meeting to help determine the support they need and to help them to be successful council members.</p> <p><u>Public Policy Committee Report</u> – Bob Jackson reported that the committee reviewed the activities of the just completed legislative session. It was brought to their attention that an additional \$8 million was taken out of the Medicaid budget. Jim Baugh indicated that Co-Ad has heard several providers' stories about problems caused by the new care management program or by redeterminations and plan authorizations. They will be having a focus group on this issue. Please refer any individuals with these situations to Co-Ad. There will be an interim committee on guardianship and the Council will need a representative on this committee. IDEA, MICASSA and Money Follows the Person will continue to be monitored. This committee will probably have more meetings during the next quarter to keep members informed and up to date on the issues being monitored.</p> <p>Wendall Cass made a motion to approve the committee reports by unanimous consent.</p>
Report From Project Teams	<p>During the Thursday portion of the Council meeting, members broke into project teams to discuss the activities and goals of the work plan. A review of the project teams' discussion was provided as follows:</p> <p>Bob Jackson – Education; Jim Baugh - Employment Maggie Blackstead - Community Supports</p>

	<p>Liz Ricciardi - Quality Assurance Donna Denney - Recreation and Housing Mike Smith – Transportation; Ken Deibert – Health; A written summary will be drafted.</p>
Member Reports	<p>Council members gave their reports on projects they have been working on since the last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ken Deibert reported that the service integration pilot in Moscow has been completed and they will move ahead with program integration in all of Region 2. Jim Baugh asked Ken to address the reduction in funding in Health & Welfare's Family Support Funding. Ken reported that JFAC reduced Family and Community Services budget by \$200,000 that was transferred to Vocational Rehabilitation for community supported employment. There was also a reduction of funds in mental health, operating, and in family support funding. These budgets were selected because they are not matched with federal dollars as funds are in other programs. They are anticipating a \$3.5-\$5.5 million deficit in FACS at the current rate of services. This does not take into consideration an increase in the growth rate of caseloads. FACS will have to look at prioritizing services and determine what services they will no longer provide. • Mike Smith distributed brochures of a Native American Families Together conference being held in San Diego. • Jim Baugh reported that Co-Ad will not fill their vacant position in Pocatello due to lack of funding. Focus groups will be conducted regarding problems caused by the new care management program. Let Co-Ad know if you know of a group of people who are not getting the services they need so a focus group can be set up. • Rick Betzer is part of a committee trying to develop an accessible playground, similar to Adventure Island, in eastern Idaho.

Open Forum/Parking Lot	<p>Jim Baugh reported that, with this being an election year, Co-Ad is very interested in any voting issues related to people with disabilities, especially accessibility of polling and voter registration locations. Please let them know if you become aware of any problems.</p> <p>Christine Pisani reported that Theresa Wilding is heading up Project Vote. A team attended a training conference in Chicago in March. They received information about voter registration, the voting process and accessibility. Members of this team will conduct training sessions in their regions.</p>
Election of Council Chair	<p>Liz Ricciardi stated that one application/nomination for Council Chair was received. It is for Theresa Wilding. Mike Smith moved to nominate Theresa Wilding as chair. Ken Deibert restated the motion to elect Theresa Wilding as Council Chair by acclamation if there were no objections. The vote was unanimous in favor. Theresa Wilding was elected as Council Chair.</p>
Future Activities/Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer or Fall Meeting – Request a presentation on Pass Plans and work incentives • Presentation from members of the Self-Advocate Leadership Network • Presentation by Prairie Flower Rueben on the Native American Project • Presentation on Project Vote • New member orientation – July 28, 2004 • Next Council meeting, July 29 and 30
Wrap Up and Evaluation	<p>Council members were asked to complete the meeting evaluation form and were reminded to turn in their self-evaluation forms before they left.</p>
Adjournment	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.</p>